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SUBJECT: SSN VISITS: POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS OF SSN VISIT DURING
CURRENT PERIOD OF STA DISARRAY

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONJECTURES THAT ANY VISIT OF SSN TO JAPANESE PORT
DURING CURRENT STATE OF DISARRAY OF STA AND SSN MONITORING SYSTEM
WOULD ENTAIL SERIOUS EFFECTS FOR JAPAN-US SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.
EFFECTS PROBABLY WOULD INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS, PROTESTS, AND
DIET AND PRESS ATTACKS AGAINST GOJ, MST AND JAPAN-US SECURITY
RELATIONSHIP. JCP WOULD MOUNT CAMPAIGN OF DIET INTERPELLATIONS
IN PROBABLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO EMBARRASS STA DIRGEN MORIYAMA
PERSONALLY. NET COUTCOME WOULD BE THE PLACING OF SOME STRESS
ON OVERALL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. END SUMMARY

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1. IN RECENT CONTACTS WITH GOJ, EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN STRESSING THAT LIMITS EXIST TO PERIOD DURING WHICH SSN'S CAN BE KEPT OUT OF PORT UNDER NORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS AND THAT THERE IS REAL POSSIBILITY OF EMERGENCY OR URGENT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT WHICH COULD FORCE US TO BRING SSN INTO PORT DESPITE STA INABILITY TO CARRY OUT PROPERLY MONITORING ACCORDING TO 1969 INTERNAL GOJ GUIDELINES.

2. IN THIS REGARD EMBASSY PROVIDES FOLLOWING GUESSES ABOUT LIKELY CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING TO BRING SSN INTO JAPANESE PORT IF STA INCAPABLE OF EXECUTING GOJ MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.

3. FIRST CONSEQUENCE, UPON EMBASSY NOTIFICATIONS TO FONOFF OF INTENTION TO BRING IN SSN, WOULD BE IMMEDIATE AND FORCEFUL GOJ REQUEST THAT WE REFRAIN FROM DOING SO IN LIGHT OF PROBABLE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. FONMIN WOULD CALL IN CHARGE, AND JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE ENLISTED IN DEMARCHE TO DEPARTMENT AND DOD. AT THIS POINT WE MUST BE ABLE OFFER CONVINCING REASONS FOR OUR NEED TO BRING IN SSN DESPITE GOJ CONCERN FOR POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS.

4. SINCE PRESS IS NOTIFIED OF ALL SSN VISITS, ACUTAL ARRIVAL OF VESSEL WOULD PRECIPITATE DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS ORGANIZED BY COMMUNISTS AND OPPOSITION ELEMENTS. ALTHOUGH JAPANESE POLICE UNDOUBTEDLY COULD CONTROL THEM, DEMOS WOULD ATTRACT WIDE NOTICE AND INTENSIFY PUBLIC INTEREST IN ENSUING DIET AND PRESS DEBATE.

5. FORESEEABLE CRITICISM BY OPPOSITION PARTIES AND PRESS WOULD BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST STA FOR INCOMPETENCE IN ALLOWING MONITORING SYSTEM TO DISINTEGRATE; SECONDARILY AGAINST FONOFF AND TANAKA CABINET IN GENERAL FOR INABILITY TO PREVAIL ON USG TO FOREGO SSN VISITS DURING PERIOD OF SORTING OUT MONITORING SYSTEM; AND THIRDLY AGAINST USG AND US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.

6. JCP, JOINED BY OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES, WOULD INTENSIFY ITS PROPAGANDA CAMPAING AGAINST MALADMINISTRATION OF THE SECURITY TREATY AND THEN AGAINST TREATY ITSELF. ATTACKS, AS IN PAST, WOULD FEATURE ALLEGATIONS OF GRADUAL QTE NUCLEARIZATION UNQTE OF JAPAN BY US
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UNDER COVER OF SECURITY TREATY AND WOULD CITE HOMEPORTING OF MIDWAY AND DESTROYER SQUADRON AS EVIDENCE THAT US POST-VIETNAM STRATEGY FOR ASIA DESREGARDS POPULAR DESIRES OF ASIANS. DIFFERNCE PROVIDED BY CURRENT SITUATION IS THAT PREVIOUSLY SUCH THEMES HAVE PROVOKED SCANT ENTHUSIAM IN JAPANESE PUBLIC. SO FAR JCP ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ONLY INCOMPETENCE, NEGLIGENCE AND MALFEASANCE OF STA AND JACRI PERSONNEL. ARRIVAL OF SSN WITHOUT COMPLETE MONITORING SYSTEM IN OPERATION, HOWEVER, WOULD AFFORD DRAMATIC BACKDROP FOR JCP ATTACK

RELATING TO NUCLEAR ISSUE, WHICH COULD BE COUNTED ON TO PROVOKE WIDE INTEREST THROUGHOUT NUCLEAR ALLERGIC JAPANESE PUBLIC.

7. PRESENT STA DIRGEN KINJI MORIYAMA, WHO OCCUPIES POSITION OF QTE HOUSE HAWK UNQTE WITHIN TANAKA CABINET HAS NEVER MADE ANY BONE ABOUT HIS PRONOUNCED ANTI-COMMUNISM. CONSEQUENTLY, JCP HAS BEEN SEEKING MEANS TO EMBARRASS AND POLITICALLY DISCREDIT HIM IN (WHAT HAVE BEEN HITHERTO UNREALISTIC) HOPES OF PROVOKING HIS RESIGNATION. SCANDAL HAS PRESENTED JCP WITH OPPORTUNITY TO SUBJECT MORIYAMA TO RIGOROUS, PROBING INTERPELLATIONS OF SCIENCE-WISE JCP SEC GEN FUWA. SO FAR MORIYAMA HAS NOT BEEN CAUGHT IN SAME TRAP AS STA SUBORDINATES, PARTIALLY OWING TO HIS ABSENCE FROM TOKYO TO ATTEND WASHGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, CHANCE FOR EMBARRASSMENT OF OUTSPOKEN MORIYAMA IN WHAT WOULD DOUBTLESS BY PROLONGED SERIES OF INTENSE INTERPELLATIONS BY FUWA, IF SSN ENTERED PORT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, ARE QUITE HIGH.

8. FACING UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS IN FEW MONTHS, TNAKA CABINET AND LDP COULD BE PREDICTED TO ATTEMPT EVERY AVENUE OF ESCAPE FROM SUCH SITUATION OF POTENTIAL POLITICALLY DAMAGING UPROAR AND EMBARRASSMENT. HIGHLY LIKELY THEREFORE THAT ARRIVAL OF SSN UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD PROVOKE CRISIS IN US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP FOR WHICH EMBASSY PRESENTLY UNABLE TO PREDICT FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

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